

23 April 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Civilian Security Suspects(CSS's) -
Legal Review of Cases

REFS: A. Memo , 13 Apr 68, ACofs,CORDS to D/PHOENIX Staff
B. Memo for the Record,, 19 April 1968,
"Meeting with Minister of Justice"

1. Reference A requested investigation of the feasibility of arranging some sort of magistrate level review of the cases of CSS's. The purpose would be to determine if sufficient evidence exists to justify further proceedings against the individual.
2. At my recent meeting with the Minister of Justice, reported in Reference B, I suggested the idea of magistrate review. He was quite sympathetic to the objective in mind, but did not comment on the feasibility of the specific proposal. At the ROIC meeting on 20 April, I likewise raised the subject, but without receiving any definite reactions or comments.
3. A specific inquiry on the subject of magistrate review has been included in our plan for local investigation of the legal processing of CSS's. A Vietnamese speaking attorney departed today for II Corps to commence this work.
4. This is an interim report only. A complete report and recommendations will be made after fuller information is at hand.

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